

# Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bell-Ringing Ceremony



# July 4, 2023

## 1:30 p.m.

# Historic New Castle, DE

**Please be seated inside no later than 1:25**

**Immanuel Episcopal Church on the Green**

**Address: 50 Market Street**

**Market & Harmony Streets (The Strand)**

**New Castle, DE**

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RE: 4th of July Bell-Ringing

## **4th of July 2023 Bell-Ringing Ceremony in Historic New Castle, Delaware**

LET FREEDOM RING — Join us as we celebrate the 4th of July and the 18th century Delawareans who gathered in New Castle to support the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Children and families of all ages, regardless of age, faith, race or ethnicity, are cordially invited to attend historic New Castle's bell-ringing ceremony, which will be held at Immanuel Church on the Green from 1:30-2:30 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This free annual event is part of an ongoing national ceremony. When the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped, bells in Philadelphia and across the nation will ring simultaneously, to officially commemorate the birth of American Independence.

Please be inside Immanuel by 1:20 pm as the program begins at 1:30 sharp. Guests will remain seated for the pealing of the church bells at 2:00 p.m., then children, representing the thirteen colonies, will ring a smaller bell donated to the day's event by the Old Courthouse Museum.

This year's keynote speaker will be author Bruce E. Mowday who lives in Downingtown, Pennsylvania. He specializes in books about local history, business, sports, and true crime.

Mowday is the author of [Lafayette at Brandywine: The Making of an American Hero](#), released by New York's Barricade Publishing. His upcoming book, [Lafayette: America's Young Hero & Guest](#), was written by Mowday and American Friends of Lafayette President Alan R. Hoffman. Original illustrations have been contributed by Chadds Ford artist Shay Aubrey Allen. For more information, contact Mowday at [mowday@mowday.com](mailto:mowday@mowday.com) or send a message through the Facebook page.

Re-enactors, children, docents and all who love wearing 18th century garb are invited to come dressed in period attire, although ordinary casual clothing is welcomed. Visitors will enjoy exploring the graveyard where a number of colonial settlers and local Revolutionary soldiers are buried. Social distancing and masks are encouraged but not required.